Child Labour Projects

†75. DR. PRABHA THAKUR: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise number of child labourers in the country;

(b) the details of the effective steps taken by the Government for eradication of child labour in the country;

(c) whether Government have formulated child labour projects in this regard; and

(d) if so, the State-wise number of child labourers benefited by these projects alongwith the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES): (a) Census conducted by the Registrar General of India is the only authentic data in respect of population of child labour in the country. As per the Census 2001, the number of child labour in the country is 1.26 crores. State-wise details of child labour is given at Statement - I (*See* below).

(b) to (d) In order to eradicate the child labour, Government has formulated a National Child Labour Project (NCLP) Scheme. The NCLP Scheme envisages a sequential approach for the eradication of child labour starting with children working in most hazardous occupations to covering all forms of child labour. The Scheme of NCLP is being implemented in 250 districts of 20 States of the country. Under the Scheme, children withdrawn from work are put into the Special Schools where these children are provided education, nutrition, vocational training, stipend and health care etc. So far, 3.78 lakh children have been mainstreamed into formal education system. State-wise details of the children mainstreamed is given at Statement-II.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

Statement - I

State-wise distribution of working children according to 2001 Census in the age group of 5—14 years

Sl. No.	Name of the State/UT	2001
1	Andhra Pradesh	1363339
2	Assam	351416
3	Bihar	1117500
4	Gujarat	485530
5	Haryana	253491
6	Himachal Pradesh	107774
7	Jammu & Kashmir	175630
8	Karnataka	822615
9	Kerala	26156
10	Madhya Pradesh	1065259
11	Maharashtra	764075
12	Chhattisgarh	364572
13	Manipur	28836
14	Meghalaya	53940
15	Jharkhand	407200
16	Uttaranchal	70183
17	Nagaland	45874
18	Orissa	377594
19	Punjab	177268
20	Rajasthan	1262570
21	Sikkim	16457
22	Tamil Nadu	418801
23	Tripura	21756
24	Uttar Pradesh	1927997
25	West Bengal	857087
26	Andaman & Nicobar Island	1960
27	Arunachal Pradesh	18482
28	Chandigarh	3779
29	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	4274
30	Delhi	41899
31	Daman and Diu	729
32	Goa	4138
33	Lakshadweep	27
34	Mizoram	26265
35	Pondicherry	1904
	TOTAL:	12666377

Statement - II

State-wise details of children mainstreamed

Sl.No.	Name of States	Total
1.	Andhra Pradesh	173297
2.	Bihar	13516
3.	Chhattisgarh	4311
4.	Jharkhand	10761
5.	Karnataka	10467
6.	Madhya Pradesh	2314
7.	Maharashtra	8235
8.	Orissa	67194
9.	Rajasthan	11371
10.	Tamil Nadu	39523
11.	Uttar Pradesh	19842
12.	West Bengal	16086
13.	Punjab	1368
	GRAND TOTAL:	378285

Classification of child labour

†76. SHRI MAHENDRA SAHNI: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have made any classification of child labour prior to imposing complete ban on the same;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, arrangement made for overall rehabilitation, education of crores child labourers and maintenance of their families in the country?

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